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ACTON MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES DEPARTMENT

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

To: Steve Ledoux, Town Manager **Date:** 8/22/08

From: Dean A. Charter, Municipal Properties Director

Subject: Street light request: Robbins Brook

I am in receipt of the request from Mr. Bauer for additional streetlights on Main Street near the Robbins Brook community, and the comments from the Police Chief and Fire Chief. I have inspected the locations, both in daylight and at night, and submit the following comments:

There are three entrances into Robbins Brook; at Eastern Road, Hartland Way, and John Francis Way. Of the three, only Eastern Road is an accepted public way.

Hartland and John Francis are both driveways, and have site lighting on the Robbins Brook property installed and maintained by Robbins Brook. Our practice has always been to install lights only in appropriate public locations, such as intersections of public roads, not at driveways. Installing lights near Hartland or John Francis would be in direct contradiction of this thirty year practice. In point of fact, there is an existing streetlight on pole 301, on Main Street, opposite Hartland, so I do not know how we could improve upon this situation. There are two utility poles (#302 & #304) opposite John Francis that could accommodate streetlights, but both of them are offset from John Francis, and I doubt that lights mounted on either of these two poles would illuminate the intersection of John Francis and Main Street to any appreciable degree.

There are no streetlights near the intersection of Eastern Road (which is an existing, and primarily industrial, public way) and Main Street. There are two utility poles on Main Street, across from Eastern Road, at least one of which could accommodate a street light (the other is encumbered with many wires, as it supports the wires that feed Eastern Road in addition to the circuits on Main Street). However, as is the situation at John Francis, neither pole is directly opposite Eastern Road, and I doubt that lights installed here would illuminate the intersection.

In summary, I do not feel that installing lights in these areas would have any significant impact on safety.

cc.:

Police Chief
Fire Chief